

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Tomohiko SHIMOYAMA, et al.	:	Examiner: Duc Q. Dinh
Application No.: 10/658,335)	Group Art Unit: 2629
Filed: September 10, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 1869
For: IMAGE COMPOSITION APPARATUS AND METHOD)	August 3, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, an RCE being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: